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To:

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

My husband and I both are retired. We have experienced the breakup of other companies and the government's interference in matters that does not concern it. A lawsuit should never have been brought against Microsoft. Their fate should not fall into the hands of the U.S. government. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WHEN A FEDERAL JUDGE BROKE UP AT&T PHONE COMPANY TO HAVE COMPETITION AND LOWER COSTS - thanks to the government interference our costs have gone up each and every year, phone bills are so many pages long now, (when we got our bill before there was 1 or 2 pages only), now we have 5 to 10 pages, WE ARE BOMBARDED BY PHONE COMPANY CALLS TO SWITCH TO THEIR COMPANY, and costs have never gone down.

WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT ONE PERSON SHOULD NOT DECIDE THE FATE OF MICROSOFT. Further litigation will only prolong this extensive negotiation process that we have had to endure for the past three years. And it will only hinder the progress of our computer industry which Bill Gates has advanced remarkably well.

Sincerely, /s/ Richard & Guenivere Foss, 9 N. Cove, Wenatchee, WA 98801

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